



Rev. A. A. Phelps,
Boston,
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you send out over the land. I feel, as
I have already said, a deep interest in my
native state; & that every good cause, and
especially the cause of the oppressed at this time,
may be sustained on Christian principles &
universally prevail.

You may set down my name as a
subscriber to the new paper. When I be-
come certain of its being published & what
its price is, you shall be sure of the
money. If published, direct the paper to

Rev. Rufus A. Putnam,
Chichester N. H.

P.S. I write to you as by a notice in
the Emancipator you are named as author-
ized to receive contributions.

Rufus A. Putnam

For a few years past, & more fully during
the last year or two, if fully adopted & acted
upon by the abolitionists, would, in my opinion,
sift the chain of the slave for ever &
leave him a despairing victim of the foulest
oppression. ^{to adopt these principles,} ~~to act~~ it appears to me, w^d be
giving ^{up} all power on the subject to do
away slavery from the land. It must either
leave the bloody laws of slavery just as they
are & the whole system to grow on in its
impunity & cruelty, or it must prostrate all
law & government & fill the world with
anarchy & barbarism.

If you establish a new paper, Doubtless
there will be much opposition to it. I hope,
however, no opposition will deter you
from the purpose. I think the cause in
your state demands it. I trust the enter-
prise will be conducted in the fear of God,
with much prayer & faith, & entire reli-
ance on heaven for aid. It is my earnest
desire that holy zeal may burn in your
breast, & that as much sacrificed talent
as possible may be put in the sheets which

Rev. Rufus A. Putnam

Truistester N.H. Feb. 12. 1839.

Rev. A. A. Phelps,

Dear Sir,

I perceive from the Papers &c. that there are many of the abolitionists in Mass. determined to start a new Anti-Slavery Paper. I sincerely rejoice in this movement. I hope & pray that great good to the cause will result from it. I am a son of old Massachusetts & feel deeply interested in the cause of the oppressed in her borders & for its triumphant success. I took the Liberator one year. But I could not like it. I therefore stoppt it. I know of ^{one or two} others & ministers in this ~~region~~ ^{regions}, who have done the same. I wish to detract nothing from what is justly due to Mr. Garrison. But I never could take him as a leader; & I have been sometimes almost astonished at the extent of his influence. In some respects I believe his influence is very determinantal to the progress of abolition. The principles which he has been avowing & developing